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Construction underway of ANA brigade compound in Zhari district

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — Construction of the future home of the 3rd Brigade, 205th Corps Afghan National Army is underway in the Zhari district in Kandahar province. Once complete, the installation will accommodate 6,000 personnel.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project includes administration buildings, training buildings, dining facilities, senior personnel quarters, barracks, latrines and showers, fitness centers, guard towers, vehicle maintenance areas, armories, wastewater collection and treatment systems, electrical generation and distribution systems, fuel points, roadways, sidewalks, and more. The project is about 15 percent completed.

Although a contractor is building the project, USACE personnel, including Philip Merchant, conduct thorough inspections of the construction site several times weekly. As a quality assurance construction representative, Merchant helps make sure construction is progressing in accordance with International Building Codes and the site's plans and specifications. As a civil engineer with 11 years of experience, including two in combat zones, Merchant, who deployed from the USACE Chicago District, has the expertise required to identify potential problems and coordinate corrective actions.

“My objective is to make sure the contractors here build safe and reliable facilities that comply with codes, plans and specifications, and within the time and budget allotted because these are facilities that will enable Afghan National Army soldiers to serve and protect their communities,” Merchant said.

The project is expected to be delivered to the ANA in April 2014.



Philip Merchant, an Afghanistan Engineer District-South quality assurance construction representative, inspects coiled steel April 17, at the 3rd Brigade, 205th Corps Afghan National Army construction site to make sure it meets the specifications, standards and quality required. (USACE Photo by JC Delgadillo).



A construction worker uses a seamer April 17, to join the seams in a metal arch that will form part of a structure at the future installation for the 3rd Brigade, 205th Afghan National Army Corps. (USACE Photo by JC Delgadillo).

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A construction worker bends rebar at the future installation for the 3rd Brigade, 205th Corps Afghan National Army in Zhari district, Afghanistan. (USACE Photo by JC Delgadillo).



Philip Merchant, a quality assurance construction representative with the Afghanistan Engineer District-South (center) conducts an inspection of the 3rd Brigade, 205th Corps Afghan National Army construction site April 17. (USACE Photo by JC Delgadillo).



Progress continues on construction of the future home of the 3rd Brigade, 205th Corps Afghan National Army. As of April 19, the project was about 15 percent complete and will accommodate 6,000 ANA personnel. (USACE Photo by JC Delgadillo).



Philip Merchant, an Afghanistan Engineer District-South quality assurance construction representative, inspects the construction site April 17, of what will become the 3rd Brigade, 205th Corps Afghan National Army installation in Zhari district. (USACE Photo by JC Delgadillo).



A construction worker organizes spacing devices April 17 that will be used in construction of the future installation for the 3rd Brigade, 205th Corps Afghan National Army in Zhari district. (USACE Photo by JC Delgadillo).

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